



Let us
not love
in word
or speech,
but
in deed
and in truth.

1 John 3:18

**United Church of Christ
Norwich, New York**



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
Norwich, New York 13815**



An Open and Affirming Church

November 17, 2024

10:00 a.m

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Autumn Day*

by A. B. Ponsonby
arranged by Laurel Hunt Pederson

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Alleluia!

ALL: I will give thanks to God with my whole heart.

ONE: Great are God's deeds!

ALL: They are celebrated by all who delight in them.

ONE: These marvelous works are to be remembered.

ALL: God is gracious and full of compassion. Thanks be to God.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Dearest Lord, you assured your disciples that you would not leave them orphaned, but would abide with them forever in the Holy Spirit. Stir in us the spirit of truth, the spirit of compassion, and the spirit of love to seek peace and justice in our homes and communities, in our nation, and in the world. Send to us, dearest Lord, your Holy Spirit to be our advocate when we most need you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

#565 (vs. 1-2)

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / TURKEY BASKET BLESSING Ericka Tyler

UNISON BLESSING PRAYER

Loving God, your son, Jesus, commanded us to love you with our heart, mind, and soul, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Bless these baskets, we pray, as gifts of love for our neighbors this holiday season. May they be reminders to us that we have provided more than enough for us to share with others, which we do in your son's name. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Festive Day* By Cathy Moglebust
Bell Choir

Ringers: David Burch, Megan Carpenter, Mary Carson,
Maxine Gage, Heavenly Mahaffey, Michael Moren, Bob Oehme,
Amy Rogers, Destinie (DJ) Smith, Ericka Tyler, and Mary Williams.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ONE: May the Peace of Jesus Christ be with all of you.

ALL: And also with you.

Please greet one another in a manner most comfortable to you.

SUNG RESPONSE *Bind Us Together* Insert

Children in grades 3-8 are invited upstairs for Sunday school at this time.

TIME OF SHARING

SERMON *The Gift of the Holy Spirit* Rev. James K. Boodley

SCRIPTURE John 14:15-17, 25-27 Pew Bible NT p. 113

INTERLUDE *Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing*
by Jean-Jacques Rousseau
arranged by Terri Hutchings

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God of gifts and blessings, we ask you to accept all of the offerings we present to you this day. They are signs of our faith and a pledge that we are ready to be used in your service. Open our eyes to see the wonder of your creation, to preserve it, and to hand it on to future generations, enriched by your love and care. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS/CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

November 17, 2024

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

***CLOSING HYMN**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

#565 (vs. 3-4)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *O Worship The King*

by William Gardiner



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www.uccnorwichny.org/give

PARTICIPANTS TODAY

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Rev. James K. Boodley

Liturgist: Ed Tucker

Director of Music Ministries: Mary Williams

Organist: David Burch

Director of Children's and Youth Ministries: Ericka Tyler

Livestream Director: Jennifer Mallozzi

Livestream Staff: Chris McSweeney, Jessica Strough, Liam Hunter

Sunday Sexton: Mya Yantz

Nursery: Fiora Breese

Ushers: Deb and Joe Phelps

Coffee Hour: Jane Prime, Elissa Sawyer

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Closed 12 - 1 for lunch)

Friday

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WIFI IS AVAILABLE

Network Name: UCC-Guest

Password: uccguest

NURSERY is available for children up to age 5, upstairs at the front of the church.

THE WORSHIP TEAM is looking for participants in the Advent and Christmas Eve candle lighting liturgy on Sundays 12/1, 12/8, 12/15 12/22 and Christmas Eve 12/24. This would involve reading some short passages and lighting a candle. Contact the church office or Mary Williams for more information or if you would like to participate.

THE TRANSITION COMMITTEE would like to hear from you as you consider this probing question posed by Pastor J.K. Boodley: "WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO JOIN THIS CHURCH?" The Committee is eager to begin gathering information and ideas from everyone and will be considering questions such as *Who is God calling us to become?*, *Who are we now?* and *Who is our neighbor?* Committee members: Pat Burke, Miranda Hunter (Co-Chair), Michael Moren (Co-Chair), Judy Smith, Jessica Strough, Ed Tucker, and Mary Williams. The Transition Committee looks forward to hearing from you.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS - Volunteers still welcome and needed. Details on the insert or see Jessica Strough.

GRIEF SHARE, a grief support ministry, offered by CVFreeChurch is a 13-week program for people who are grieving a loved one's death. Each session features a short video followed by a small-group discussion. The current session is finishing up on December 13 and a new session begins on January 12. You can join at any time during the 13 weeks. More details are available at www.griefshare.org. Attending the group is free. There are pamphlets on the table outside our church office.

FUNDRAISER FOR THE PLACE - Wreaths \$35, 6-inch red poinsettias \$15 from Pires Florist. Tickets can be purchased from Board Members (Norma Kinney) or call The Place at 607-336-9696. Pick Up is at The Place by December 20.

FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER on November 28 at 12:00 noon at Emmanuel Episcopal Church (37 West Main St., Norwich). Take-out and delivery within the City of Norwich are available by calling 607-334-8801. *Volunteers are also needed. Call 607-334-8801 or emmanuelchurch20@gmail.com and provide your name, phone number and number of volunteers by November 15, 2024.*

COMMUNITY ADVENT STUDY - YOU ARE INVITED

What: *Prepare the Way for the Lord: Advent and the Message of John the Baptist*

When: Tuesdays for 4 weeks (Nov. 26, & Dec. 3, 10, 17)
Lite Lunch & Fellowship: 11:30 a.m.
Lenten Study: Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Where: Broad St. United Methodist Church (74 N. Broad St. Norwich)

For more information, Call Broad St. UMC at 607-334-8815.

CALENDAR

The Chenango Muslim Community meets upstairs daily at 9:30 p.m. & Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
10:00 a.m. Worship, Nave - *Blessing of Thanksgiving Boxes*
Sunday School grades 3-8, upstairs after Children's Moment
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
12:30 p.m. *Free 2B Me* Youth Group, upstairs (Grades 5-12)
3:00 p.m. Rehearsal for the Christmas Cantata

MONDAY NOVEMBER 18

10:00 a.m. Knitting Group, kitchen
12:30 p.m. Tutoring, Kitchen
2:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Founders Room
6:30 p.m. Town & Country Garden Club, Mayflower Room

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

1:00 p.m. Piecemakers, Kitchen
4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen, St. Bart's Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom
6:10 p.m. Democratic Committee, Mayflower Room
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Nave

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:00 a.m. Catholic Charities Basket Pick Up
1:00 p.m. Basket Pick Up

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

9:00 A.M. Basket Pick Up

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
10:00 a.m. Worship, Nave - Sunday School grades 3-8, upstairs after Children's Moment
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
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John 14:15-17

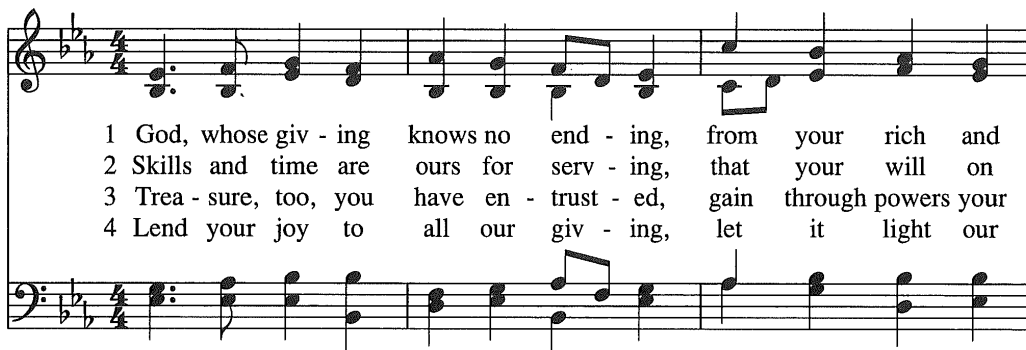
¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep^[a] my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,^[b] to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be^[c] in^[d] you.

John 14:25-27

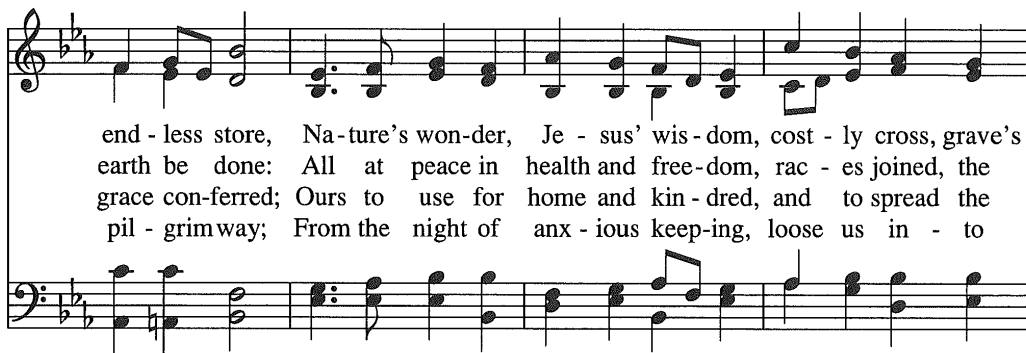
²⁵ “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate,^[a] the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Robert L. Edwards, 1961; alt.



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for serv - ing, that your will on
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your
 4 Lend your joy to all our giv - ing, let it light our



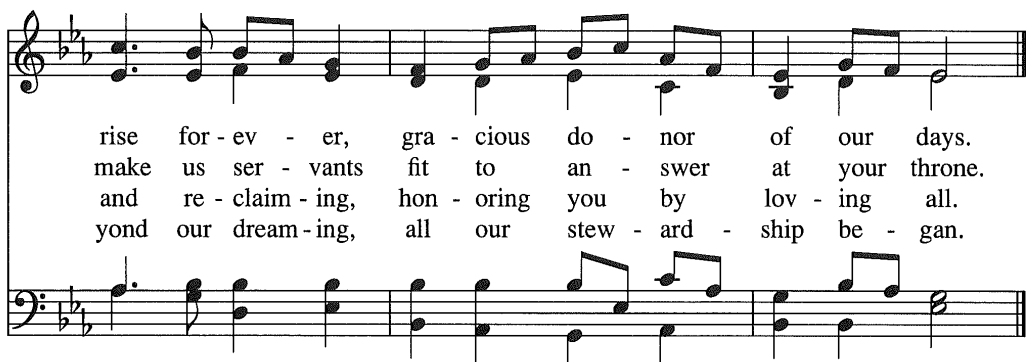
end - less store, Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's
 earth be done: All at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the
 grace con - ferred; Ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the
 pil - grim way; From the night of anx - ious keep - ing, loose us in - to



shat - tered door: Gift - ed by you, we turn to you
 Church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor,
 gos - pel Word. O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing
 gen - erous day. Then when years on earth are o - ver,



of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; Thank - ful song shall
 lest we strive for self a - lone; born with tal - ents,
 as we heed Christ's age - less call, Heal - ing, teach - ing,
 and we've lived our hu - man span, God, ful - fill be -



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, hon - oring you by lov - ing all.
 yond our dream - ing, all our stew - ard - ship be - gan.

Robert L. Edwards, an ordained United Church of Christ minister, has served several churches in Connecticut. He wrote this text for a competition of The Hymn Society, and it was subsequently published in Ten New Stewardship Hymns in 1961.

Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7.D.
 Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797
 Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL

Bind Us Together

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Words and Music by BOB GILLMAN

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: "Bind us to - geth - er Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er, bind us to - geth - er with love. We are the fa - mily of God, we are the prom - ise di - vine. We are God's cho - sen de - sire, we are the glo - rious new wine."

1 Bind us to - geth - er Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

6 can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

11 bind us to - geth - er, bind us to - geth - er with love. Fine

17 We are the fa - mily of God, we are the prom - ise di - vine.

25 We are God's cho - sen de - sire, we are the glo - rious new wine. F D.C. al Fine